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## Barre/West Brookfield propose split EMS coverage

### Full-time truck driver/laborer approved

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK –At their meeting on Tuesday, March 16, Board of Selectmen member Julie Quink

said she spoke with both Barre Fire Chief Robert Rogowski and West Brookfield Rescue Squad President Dan McCall separately, and both agencies felt comfortable providing services to Hardwick even with Mary Lane Hospital’s emergency room closing.

Both McCall and Chief Rogowski could be ready to provide EMS coverage by July 1. Both agencies would work together

with Barre Fire covering the Wheelwright section of town, WBRS covering the rest of town and Ware still providing mutual aid as needed. Quink said Barre Fire is already providing a lot of ALS service to Hardwick. Board of Selectmen Chairman Kenan Young asked Quink what her recommendation was. Quink said Barre covering Wheelwright made sense and WBRS was able to respond to west

Hardwick in reasonable time.

Barre Fire also made a proposal to cover all of Hardwick

Quink said the Central Massachusetts Emergency Direction service zone plan would need to be updated; regardless of what provider they choose for EMS coverage. Quink said that opting for split coverage from both agencies “would still be a savings for the town over what we’re

paying currently,” regarding their agreement with Ware. Board of Selectmen member Kelly Kemp agreed that splitting coverage between Barre Fire and WBRS was a good idea. McCall said the WBRS uses C8 Dispatch (State Police) out of New Braintree and Barre Fire uses Rutland Regional Emergency Communications Center, and a service zone plan would need to be laid out with both

dispatches. Young said they had until April 1 to give a 90-day notice to opt out of their contract with Ware. The board agreed to vote on it at their March 22 meeting.

### Highway position

Highway Superintendent Martin Gryszowka made his recommendation to the board to hire Jonathan Duff, who would replace one of

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## Board names acting town administrator

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – The select board appointed David Nixon, acting town administrator at its March 1 meeting.

Town administrator Ryan McLane was called to active duty and will be deployed overseas for one year. His temporary replacement came highly recommended and was town administrator in Hadley, a town similar to Hubbardston, for 15 years. Nixon recently retired from the Hadley position.

The select board also approved Nixon’s contract. It included the same wage as McLane and called for four weeks vacation.

### Town administrator budget

As per the town’s charter agreement, McLane presented the town administrator’s budget to the select board. He said the \$9,644,628 was a 2.54% increase over last year and included \$180,000 in capital expenditures, which were for right of way easements for the town center project, school elevator repair and cafeteria equipment. He said some residents would likely donate the right of ways and the school applied for a grant for cafeteria equipment.

His budget eliminated the practice of using free cash in the budget this year. The town had a larger new growth number of \$120,000. McLane estimated real estate taxes at \$7,660,200, local receipts as \$1,295,450 and \$625,575 in state aid.

He said the largest expenses were schools, public safety, general government and public works. He calculated a 3.39% increase for the Quabbin Regional School District, as he believed it was what the town could afford. The QRSD preliminary budget was 6% over last year and Hubbardston’s assessment was 7.96%. Monty Tech’s assessment decreased.

He said it was important to have reserve funds as the town would be borrowing money for the Hubbardston Center School roof project. The town had about 4.47% in reserves; the limit is 5% of the budget. He said the roof project selection would be in early May and start in June and should be mostly done when school opens in the fall. He said debt reduced and in about four years would reduce even more. He said the town should take advantage of the reduction toward funding an ambulance and fire truck in a few years.

McLane said the Capital Improvement Committee should make a presentation at town meeting this year regarding a public safety building. In a recent survey, residents listed the public safety building as a priority. During April and May, the select board and finance committee would work on

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The First Congregational Parish Unitarian, located on historic Petersham Common, will hold an Easter service, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

## Rutland receives grant to develop Master Plan

RUTLAND – The town of Rutland received a \$40,000 planning assistance grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to develop phase one of a Town Master Plan. A Master Plan for communities is a document required by the Commonwealth. Each Plan must contain a Goals and Policies Statement which identifies the goals and policies of the municipality for its future growth and development. Each community shall conduct an interactive public process, to determine community values,

goals and to identify patterns of development that will be consistent with these goals. Phase One (1), which will include the Goals and Policies Statement, and Housing, Land Use, and Economic Development elements.

“The Rutland Board of Selectmen supports the completion of the Master Plan. They understand that this will give us a long-term road map as to the future development of the town,” said Town Administrator Ron San Angelo.

A Master Plan Steering

Committee under the leadership of the Chairman of the Planning Board Norm Anderson is looking for public input from all citizens. Residents may contact the committee through the Planning Office at either 508-886-41000, extension 3001 or at dgeorge@townofrutland.org.

Anderson said, “The people of this community need to be involved with this process if it is going to be successful. This allows people to contribute their ideas as to what they think the future of the town should be. Housing, land use, and econom-

ic development are all important issues facing this community.”

The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission is working with the local Town Planner David George to support the work of the committee. George said, “The Planning Office is looking forward to working with the community to create a high quality community plan that helps set the future direction of the Town.” For more information or to get involved, people may visit rutlandmasterplan.com and like the initiative on Facebook.

## Motorized vehicles not allowed on Rail Trail

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – At the Board of the Selectmen meeting on March 16, Selectman John Tripp said he walks the Rail Trail frequently and sees tire marks and dirt bike marks on the trail. He said they need to notify people that motorized vehicles are not permitted on the trail and that residents should contact the police if they observe it happening. Tripp said National Grid cut a tree down that took down wires on Ward Street and left a pile of brush in the culvert and off to the side of the trail. Tripp said he is hoping National Grid will trim some of the old trees that are near the power lines.

Tripp said there are ruts on the trail from Orchard Road up to where the pipes go underneath. They will have to level out the trail. Kiley asked what the status of the gates was, and Tripp said they are waiting to be painted. Tripp said he has had no luck getting telephone poles as he needs two for every street crossing, to cover each side. He said the Highway Department

has some at the salt shed. Kiley said they have a lot of “double poles” in town, where National Grid or Verizon have replaced an older pole with a taller one and left the original pole adjacent to the new one. Tripp said they have 51 double poles, and some have been there for as long as 10 years. The board agreed that it would be helpful to work with National Grid and Verizon to remove these double poles and find use for them along the Rail Trail. Administrative Assistant Ashley Barre said she has a contact for Verizon and National Grid. She said they are both slated to attend an upcoming pole hearing.

### CARES Act funds

Barre said they had one request from the school for speech therapy compensation. The request was approved by the board.

### Transfers approved

A request for the transfer of \$2,300 from the technology expense account to pay for an appraisal of the Donovan Road property was approved. This request was previously approved by the Finance Committee. The board also approved the transfer

of money from the Salem estate to pay for four invoices from North Brookfield EMS. The Salem estate donated funds to be used by North Brookfield EMS, for any needs they may have.

### Easter basket giveaway

The National Honor Society will be hosting an Easter basket giveaway at the park, using the same traffic flow as the Santa Parade. Members of the NHS will stand while cars will drive past them to receive their Easter baskets. Police Chief Mark Smith and Fire Chief Joseph Holway both reviewed the traffic plan and approved. The board approved the request.

### Police Department reports

Tripp read the Police Department’s monthly reports from January and February. The February report announced the resignation of Officer James Early. Early, who has been with the North Brookfield Police Department for one year, accepted the lieutenant position on the Warren Police Department.

Police Chief Mark Smith

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## Unsightly pole gets removed from middle of road



National Grid recently removed a pole, which was in the middle of the road at the Maple Street and New Braintree Road intersection. The pole the utility company removed was an old, short pole. A new taller pole was set on the right side of the road.

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News of the Towns



**Round Town**  
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Town election set for April 5

The annual town election will be held Monday, April 5. Polls at precinct 1 located at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road and precinct 2 located at American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Road, will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Class of 1970 reunion

The Quabbin Regional High School Class of 1970 will be having its 50th Class Reunion Saturday, Oct. 23. The actual 50-year date was postponed due to COVID. The event is scheduled to take place at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge. The reunion will include a social hour, and dinner. Overnight accommodations are available at discounted rates. More details will be forthcoming. Organizers are searching for classmates. A preliminary interest/opinion letter was sent out the early spring, 2020. Classmates who did not receive one should contact Margo Petracone at westwindfm@aol.com or 978-621-9812. Also, anyone who may be helpful in finding classmates or providing information should call or write.

Coffee with an Officer

The Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, will hold Coffee with an Officer the first Thursday of the month. The next one will be Thursday, April 1 at 9 a.m. This is an opportunity to get to know the community officers, each month is a different police officer. Pastries and coffee will be served.

Church dinner

The Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., will hold a drive thru dinner this Saturday, March 27 at 5 p.m. Cost for the roast pork dinner with all the fixings is \$12 per adult and \$5 per child. People must call Lisa Holloway at 978-355-0140 to sign up for the dinner.

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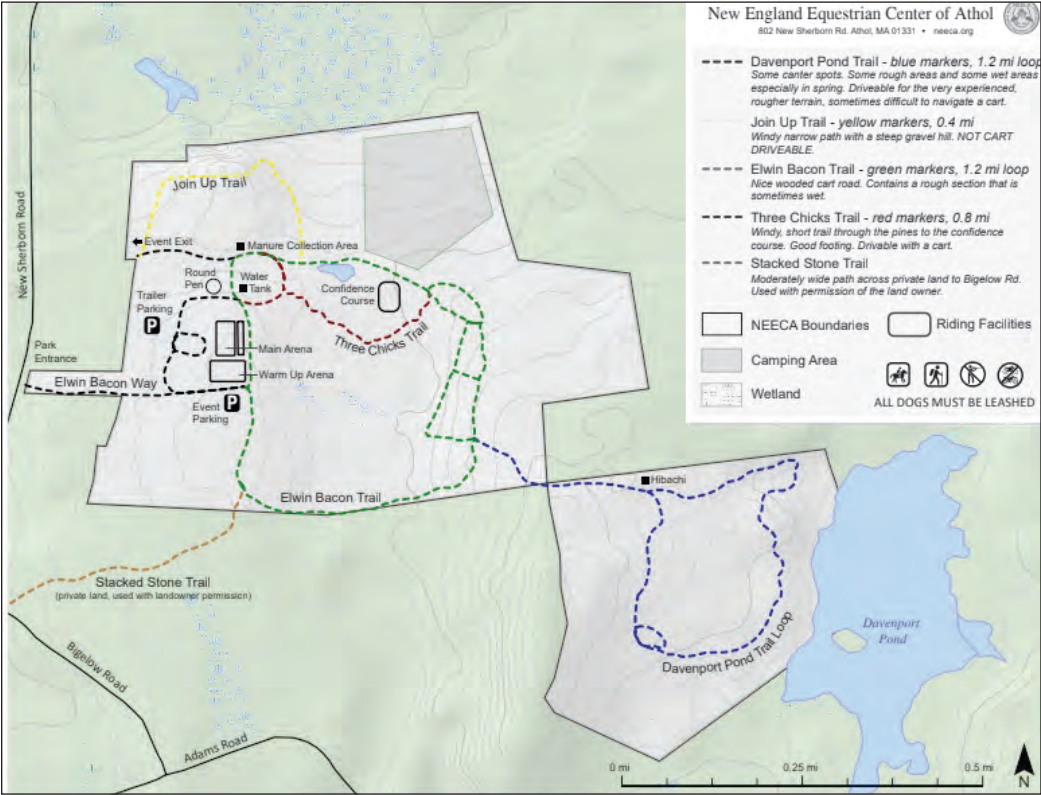


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NEECA celebrates 20 years



**This map, created by Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust's mapmaker, Fletcher Harrington, shows the network of trails at the 250+ acre horse park.**

ATHOL – The NEECA horse park has produced a map of the 250+ acre facility off New Sherborn Road. This map shows color-coded trails, parking areas, riding rings and other features, was produced by Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust's mapmaker, Fletcher Harrington, over the last year. Also new are trail signs colored to match the map. It's all about "how not to get lost on 250 acres"

The park is multi-use, inviting passive recreational use such as walking, hiking, bird watching, nature photography and of course, various

equestrian uses. There are just a few rules: no motors on the trails, no hunting, and no open fires. Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. A new brochure has information on the front and the map on the back, available at the park or [www.neeca.org](http://www.neeca.org).

2021 is NEECA's 20th birthday. Originally the land was only woods, with a small farm road and some paths. Over all these years, volunteers did much of the work to help grow the present park. Fund raising was done, and a few grants procured for clearing, excavating and for building

an equipment building, a well, water tank, riding rings and a fenced "confidence course" with obstacles. The long driveway into the park was funded by a loan from the town, which will be paid off this year. A 20th Celebration will be held at the park on Sept. 18.

The first official activity of the season is Spring Spruce Up Day Saturday, April 15, when volunteers help prepare the park for this year's use. All are welcome for a morning-midday of visiting, friendship, as well as raking, trimming and stone picking.

Hubbardston

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Scouts to hold electronic recycle day

Hubbardston Troop 22 is offering a fee-based recycling service one week before the townwide cleanup, April 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Curtis Recreation Field. Most items cost \$7 each to recycle; TVs and computer monitors are \$25 each. This is a way to support the Scouts by recycling electronic waste, scrap metal and old appliances.

People may recycle electronics: all kinds of TVs (glass tube, console, projection, flatscreen), laptops, computer monitors (glass tube and flatscreen), computers, CPU boxes, all computer parts and accessories, keyboards, mice, cell phones, speakers, video games and systems, camera/video/audio equipment, fax/copy machines, printers, wires, plugs, drives, cards, servers. All computer hard drives are removed and shredded by the recycling company, Data Recycling of New England.

Household appliances: All white goods including refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, stoves, dishwashers, washers and dryers, toasters, irons, hair dryers, vacuum cleaners, air conditioners and microwaves.

Metal items (less than 8 ft long): Metal poles, metal desks, barbeque grills (no propane tanks), pots.

People should call or text Scoutmaster Scott Carignan at 978-928-5997 if their organization wants to recycle a large amount of items.

Girl Scout can and bottle drive

The Girl Scouts will hold a redeemable bottle and can drive during the townwide cleanup Saturday, April 17.

Dog license reminder

Dog licenses are due March 31. Dog fee's are as follows: (\$1 will be added to online dog renewals for online fees) spayed/neutered \$10 and male/female \$15. For residents with a collection of more than 4 dogs kept for any purpose a Special Permit is required from the Planning Board. For more information pertaining to Kennel Licenses, people may contact the Planning Board directly at 978-928-1400 extension 209 or at [inspect@hubbardstonma.us](mailto:inspect@hubbardstonma.us). Residents with any questions or concerns regarding dog licenses may contact the town clerks office at 978-928-1400, extension 202 at [tclerk@hubbardstonma.us](mailto:tclerk@hubbardstonma.us).

Senior center

The Hubbardston Senior Center will be closed until April. At that point, the Council on Aging will review how things are going with the virus and plan accordingly. A council member will be checking the phone lines two or three times a week. The director, Claudia Provencal will be checking emails and Facebook every day. The drive through food and eggs will still be in place on Thursday mornings. Masks will be in place properly and distancing will be followed.

Haston Library Book Group meets via Zoom on March 30

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Library Book Group's March meeting will take place on March 30, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. The group will be discussing "The World Without Us," by Alan Weisman. Copies are available in the library, so come in and get one. In April the group will be reading poetry, so stay tuned. Call the library at 508-867-0208 for more information and the Zoom link.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

*Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.*

### BARRE

Cemetery Commission – March 25 at 11 a.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – April 1 at 3 p.m.  
Election Day – April 5 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – April 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
Historical Commission – April 5 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – April 6 at 6 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – April 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – April 6 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – April 7 at 1 p.m.  
Board of Health – April 12 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – April 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – April 12 at 7 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – April 13 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – April 14 at 7 p.m.  
Sewer Commission – April 15 at 7 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Recycling Commission – March 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Health – April 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – April 1 at 7 p.m.  
Wheelwright Water District – April 5 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – April 8 at 9:30 a.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – April 9 at 4 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – April 12 at 6 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – April 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – April 20 at 5:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee – April 26 at 5:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Board of Assessors – March 25 at 6 p.m.  
Economic Development Committee Meeting and Greet – March 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
Select Board – March 29, April 12 and April 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – March 30 and April 27 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – April 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Historical Commission – April 3 at 10 a.m.  
Conservation Commission – April 6 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Petersham School Committee – March 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – March 25 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – April 1 at 7 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – April 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – April 6 at 7:30 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – April 8 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – April 9 at 10 a.m.  
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – April 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – April 14 at 10 a.m.  
Board of Health – April 15 at 7 p.m.

### RUTLAND

Finance Committee – March 25 at 6 p.m.  
Library Trustees – March 25 at 7 p.m.  
Master Plan Steering Committee – March 25 at 7 p.m.

## Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of March 29.

Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Stuffed pepper casserole, mashed potatoes, carrots, cookies, marble rye bread

TUES. – Ranch chicken, wild rice, spinach, pears, muffin

WED. – Braised beef, gemelli pasta, broccoli, mixed fruit, Italian bread

THURS. – Baked ham, sour cream and mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli and carrots, cheesecake, diet = cheesecake mousse, marble rye bread

FRI. – Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

\*Diabetic friendly dessert

\*\*Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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## North Brookfield

### NBSB hires Marco Bernasconi Jr. president

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Following an extensive search, the Board of Trustees of North Brookfield Savings Bank announces Marco Bernasconi, Jr. will succeed Donna L. Boulanger as president and Chief Executive Officer.

Bernasconi Jr. will join the bank as the President on April 5, 2021 and work along-side Boulanger over the remaining months of this year. Upon her retirement, he will also assume the title of Chief Executive Officer. She will remain involved with the bank as a Trustee and Corporator. “I am honored the Board and Donna have placed their confidence in me to lead North Brookfield Savings Bank into the future and to continue serving its customers and the community,” said Bernasconi.

He joins the bank from COCC where he worked for 27 years. He joined COCC as a loan customer representative and rose through the ranks and most recently held the position as senior vice president, client service officer, chief service officer, a role he has held since 2010. While at COCC, he gained experience in many areas of banking and business, including; strategic planning, risk management and Fintech.

Bernasconi’s strong Fintech and digital banking knowledge are the perfect fit for the bank’s strategic goals moving forward. “I am confident that this change will



**Marco Bernasconi, Jr.**



**Donna L. Boulanger**

be a positive one for the bank, the staff and the community as a whole. We must continue to look forward and find ways to evolve and innovate so that we may remain independent and true to our mission and core values,” said Boulanger.

Boulanger said, “Today is a very humbling day for me as I reflect back on my first day of work at North Brookfield Savings Bank some 13 years ago. I came to North Brookfield because I believed in this bank. I saw then how clearly we empower people and ultimately make the community a better place. These are the same mission and values that continue to motivate me today.”

While the bank has seen great success, the leadership team is eager to do more and evolve to keep pace with the changing technology and trends. The banking industry has changed over the years at a rapid pace, one with which, we must keep up with. It’s the next chapter in banking. “I

am excited to leverage the traditions of the past with an eye on advancing technology and digital capabilities moving into the future,” said Bernasconi.

“We are fortunate to have someone of Marco’s caliber and experience to lead the bank. We are at

a critical moment and we need new and fresh leadership to not only continue our good work but to take advantage of the market opportunities ahead. With Marco’s proven track record of execution, his strong communication skills and leadership capabilities, we are confident in the future of North Brookfield Savings Bank,” said Boulanger.

Bernasconi is looking forward to the future and getting to know not only his internal team but the community members as well. “I have spent my career preparing for this opportunity. I’m fortunate to have worked with hundreds of Community Financial Institutions and look forward to leveraging all this experience in the communities that we serve.”

North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Palmer and Three Rivers Village of Palmer.

### NBSB earns sustained superiority 5-star bank rating

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The North Brookfield Savings Bank recently announced they received a 5-star superior rating from BauerFinancial,

the Nation’s Premier Bank Rating Firm once again. The bank has earned and maintained this 5-star rating for 100 consecutive quarters, which furthermore means that North Brookfield Savings Bank qualifies for an elite designation of a “Sustained Superiority Bank.” This status is reserved for the top 10% of the

nation’s banks, those that have maintained BauerFinancial’s highest 5-Star rating longer than 90% of the industry.

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### St. Aloysius scholarship drive in final push

GILBERTVILLE – St. Aloysius Catholic School is in the final days of its 2021-2022 scholarship drive. The school has been blessed with a pledge of \$35,000 in matching funds and is hopeful of reaching a full match this year.

“Last year, the scholarship drive raised slightly less than \$25,000. With matching funds, a total of \$49,858 was divided up to reduce tuitions for each of our 62 students. Currently, with the scholarship, it costs \$2,800 a year for a returning family’s first student in kindergarten through

eighth-grade, with a discount for siblings and a premium for the five-day preschool program. This equates to as low as \$20 per day,” said Roberta McQuaid, the school’s director.

Tuition rates will be set for the 2021-2022 school year after the drive ends. The school serves students in preschool through eighth-grade, and has waiting lists for some classes.

For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic School or to make a tax-deductible donation by credit card that will be matched dollar for dollar to the

Scholarship Fund, please visit the “Support” section of [www.staloysiuscs.com](http://www.staloysiuscs.com).

Donations can also be mailed to St. Aloysius Catholic School, P.O. Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031, noting “Scholarship Fund” on the memo line. Donations to the Scholarship Fund received prior to March 31 will help reduce tuition rates for the 2021-2022 school year.

For more information people may email Roberta McQuaid, director, at [rmcquaid@staloy-siuscatholicsschool.com](mailto:rmcquaid@staloy-siuscatholicsschool.com) or call the school at 413-477-1268.

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## Town clerk lists town election information

Christine Mardirosian, town clerk, announces the last day for candidates to obtain nomination papers for the annual town election on May 17 is Friday, March 26. The last day to submit nomination papers to registrars for certification is Monday, April 5. The last day to file nomination papers with the town clerk is Monday, April 12 and the last day to object or withdraw nomination papers is Wednesday, April 14. The last day to register to vote in the town election is Tuesday, April 27. Nomination papers may be picked appointment only due to the Town Offices closed to the public. A minimum of 20 registered voters signatures are required. People may call the town clerk’s office for more information at 508-882-5549, extension 3004. The following positions will be on the ballot: three-year term for selectman, town clerk, assessor, board of health, library trustee, cemetery commission, school committee and tree warden; two-year term for assessor and cemetery commission; one-year term constable and five-year term planning board.

### Dog licenses due March 31

Dog licenses are due by Wednesday, March 31. All dogs six months or older must be licensed each year with the town clerk. In order to license a dog, the owner must present a copy of a valid rabies certificate, a spayed/neutered certificate, if applicable, for the first time licensing the dog and a check made payable to Town of Oakham for the correct amount. No cash will be accepted. This information may be mailed to the Oakham Town Clerk, 2 Coldbrook Road, Unite 4, Oakham, MA 01068. The information also may be dropped off at the Oakham Town Hall in the blue drop off box located to the left of the town hall entrance. Dog owners should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and their license will be mailed to them. License fees are \$11 for a male or female dog and \$7 for a neutered or spayed dog. The town hall remains closed to the public.

### Church in person services

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, holds in person services Sundays at 10 a.m. This Sunday, March 28 is Palm Sunday. Sunday School is held in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. People must wear masks and practice social distancing.

## Country Bank to hold free shred day April 10

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is partnering with PROSHRED® Security for its annual Shred Day to allow the public to discard their documents safely and securely.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, there were 1.4 million identity theft reports in 2020 and that number continues to rise. Country Bank offers this free shredding service to the public because it understands the importance of helping consumers keep their identity safe. All visitors are asked to practice social distancing and will be required to wear a mask.

Country Bank’s free Community Shred Day will take place on April 10 at the following Country Bank branch locations:

155 West St., Ware from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
2379 Boston Road, Wilbraham from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

1084 Main St., Leicester from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
37 Worcester Road, Charlton from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Items to consider for shredding: old documents, tax returns, bank statements, receipts, bills or anything that contains personal identifiable information.

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Opinion

Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Claiming Social Security now to preserve savings

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: One of the big pieces of the Social Security puzzle that everyone seems to miss is the protection of other retirement funds. If I did not take Social Security, I would have to dip into my retirement savings to fund the early part of my retirement. I took Social Security at my full retirement age rather than wait, so I am preserving my retirement account that has historically been getting 8 to 9% interest over the last 30 years. Social Security will never give me anything close to those returns. Signed: Smart Investor

Dear Smart Investor: You are, of course, correct that preservation of retirement savings is important. It's also correct that everyone's personal financial situation is different. If your retirement nest egg has historically provided a return of 8 to 9% over the last 30 years and will continue to do so, then I believe you made the right choice by claiming at your full retirement age (FRA), and preserving those high-return investments.

But many are not as fortunate as you and have their nest egg sitting in low-interest IRAs and bank savings accounts, and those folks may have a different perspective. They may choose an option to delay claiming Social Security to get a higher monthly benefit, initially using some of their low-return savings, but allowing them to preserve their overall savings much further into their retirement because of a higher Social Security benefit. And most often, continuing to work provides them added ability to delay claiming Social Security to get that higher benefit.

Personally, I do not advocate withdrawing from retirement funds in lieu of claiming Social Security. But I do suggest that waiting past FRA to claim a higher benefit may be wiser than claiming earlier and investing the Social Security money, trying to beat the 8% yearly benefit growth realized by waiting to claim. It's an unfortunate reality that high-return/low-risk investments are very difficult to find these days, and most seniors are loathe to put their money in high-risk investments to get higher returns.

Again, everyone's situation is different, and each must choose based upon their own circumstances. Many who contact us about their Social Security options intend to continue working beyond their full retirement age. Those folks might adopt a strategy where they delay past their FRA to get a higher Social Security benefit for the rest of their life, made possible because they are still working and earning (rather than withdrawing from investments). If they're in good health and will achieve at least average life expectancy, they will not only enjoy a much higher monthly benefit, but they'll also receive more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting longer to claim Social Security.

Finally, often lost in the argument to claim at or after FRA is that, for a married couple, a surviving spouse receives 100% of the benefit the deceased spouse was receiving at death. That surviving spouse benefit will either be a smaller FRA amount or a larger (e.g., age 70) amount, depending upon when the higher earning spouse claimed. Point is, if you are married, when you claim may also affect your spouse's survivor benefit, so life expectancy of both spouses should always be included in the decision on when to claim. In any case, from what you've written I believe that your choice to claim at your FRA in order to preserve your high-return investments was a prudent move for your personal circumstances. And I admire the careful thought you put into that decision.

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Letter to the Editor

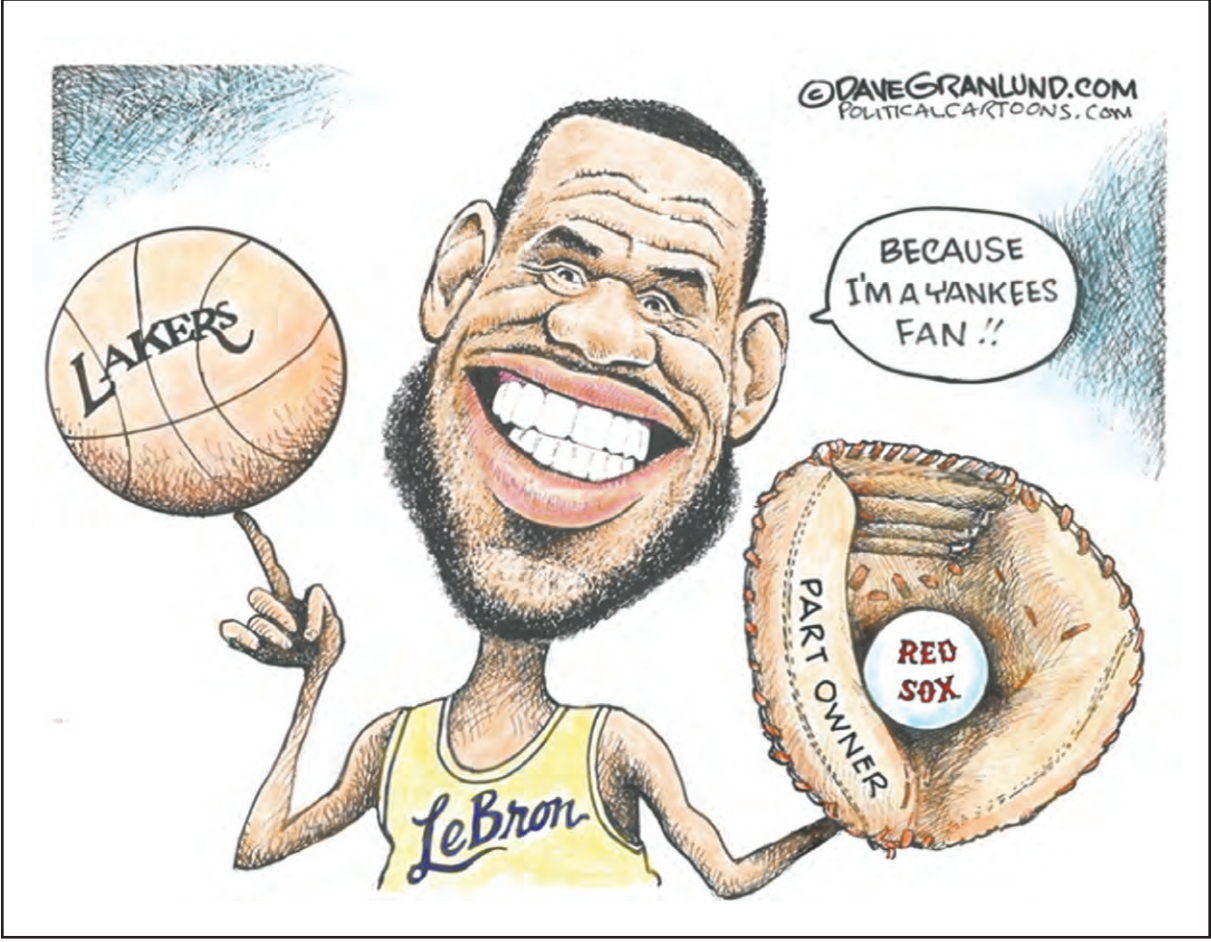
DCR plans to demolish Rutland Prison Camp

According to recent posts on the Rutland Historical Commission's Facebook page, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Water Supply Protection is planning to demolish the ruins of the historical prison camp in Rutland. I have been surprised by the lack of local news coverage relating to their plans and in fact, the aforementioned Facebook posts contain the only information, which I could find on them. Almost all the comments on the posts express dismay at the proposed destruction, a sentiment I wholeheartedly agree with.

The Rutland Prison Camp is a fascinating and historically significant collection of partially destroyed structures, which were once part of a prisoner-run farm complex, built in 1903. The remaining part of it is vital to our area's personality, providing a unique destination for walkers and explorers, local and visiting alike. One can easily spend hours at the Prison Camp. There is simply nothing like it.

The only truly valid criticism I have found of the Prison Camp is that it is sometimes tagged with hateful graffiti. However, the artists and citizens, who cover this hate far outnumber the people who display it. There are numerous locals, who clean up trash at the Prison Camp and there are numerous artists, who are constantly adding colorful new works to the structures. I have visited the Prison Camp two times mere days apart and found entire walls to be nearly unrecognizable, having been entirely collaged with new displays. The Rutland Prison Camp is a unique, vibrant, ever-changing community destination. Don't take it away.

Casey Seem  
Oakham



In Past Pages

5 years ago (March 31, 2016)

About 40 seniors met at the Williamsville Chapel to hear stories of old on Sunday afternoon at a special program arranged in the afternoon. Some seniors don't like to go out at night so the day meeting was planned by the Hubbardston Historical Society. Richard Green, president, introduced the officers and told a short history of the chapel and then introduced Daniel Stevens of Barre. He narrated a film of the Cathedral Farm, about the boys working the farm in the 1940s. The film showed the boys picking rocks, planting potatoes, butchering and getting ready to go to the movies each Saturday night. Robert Meagher, who now farms the property, was present to comment on things he also saw on the film. Among the interest was the water tower that is no longer there.

A fir tree planted in memory of Robert Dwelly, who was killed the last days of World War II, hell down during a violent storm this past winter. Oakham Tree Warden Michael Brunelle, said that he talked with Wes Dwelly, a family member, to see how the family felt about replacing the tree. Dwelly requested the monument be maintained, but did not want another tree planted. Brunelle said the tree had a lot of roots and some were probably under the monument. He suggested grinding the stump rather than digging it up and removing it. Selectmen concurred. Now that the tree is gone as well as the shrubs by the veteran's monument, it is more visible. They decided not to replace the shrubs and will continue to just plant flowers each year by the monument.

Mira Lockwood combined her love of art and marine sciences in her selection of a senior capstone project. Save the Bay's Exploration Center and Aquarium was just the right place. Every senior at Quabbin Regional High School must complete a capstone project in order to graduate. An internship is one way of meeting that requirement. Lockwood, who lives in Oakham with her parents, Paul and Jennifer Lockwood and younger sister Emma, knew that she wanted to do an internship. Her choice, Save the Bay's Exploration Center and Aquarium in Newport, Rhode Island, was a logical choice. She was the only high school intern; all the others were college students.

10 years ago (March 31, 2011)

The Special Olympics Tournament was played out at area schools and colleges March 13 as teams from all over Massachusetts competed. From very young to older players, the teams were cheered on with the enthusiasm

LOOK BACK

Red Feather Rumble - 2016



Turley Publications File Photo

Shown are the winners in the youth age group of the Red Feather Ramble to benefit Camp Putnam in New Braintree.

of any great basketball game. The teams had won a place in this final contest at the playoffs. Nate Cousineau of Rutland was on the basketball team Coyotes.

Barre Fire Chief Joseph Rogowski said that the department battled two fires on the morning of March 28, with the second fire call coming in just 45 minutes after clearing from the first one. The first call came in at 1:27 a.m. for a chimney fire at the Stelmokas home on Hardwick Road. "As we arrived on scene, the fire had already extended into the partitions. We had fire coming out of the back wall of the structure. We opened up the walls, took bricks out of the chimney and kept the fire contained to that area of the house." The first alarm was struck which brought in the Rapid Intervention Team from North Brookfield. The Hubbardston Fire Department covered Station 1 and the Hardwick Fire Department covered Station 2. "We cleared the scene at 4 a.m., and then at 4:45 a.m., the tones went off again for a report of an apartment fire at Vernon Avenue," Rogowski said.

Only about two percent of Boy Scouts earn Eagle, the highest rank in Scouting. Since the introduction of the Eagle Scout rank in 1911 more than two million young men received that honor. Only a few make Eagle, but it is even more unusual for twin brothers to accomplish that goal. Nicholas and Timothy Mardirosian of Oakham and members of Rutland Boy Scout Troop 141 did just that. They are the sons of Christin and Glenn Mardirosian.

25 years ago (March 28, 1996)

It takes a lot more than paddling with your hands and kicking with your feet to stay afloat in the world of competitive swimming. It takes heart, focus, and above all, determination to excel. When you're only 8 years old – a lot of determination. Young Colin Hennessy Elliott of Hardwick was swimming at age 2, and has been swimming competitively since he was 5. He took another step toward realizing his dream of competing at 16 in the 2004 Olympics, when he placed 14th in all of New England for his age group at a recent championship swim meet.

The Advisory Board of the Barre Rainbow Assembly No. 114, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls held a monthly meeting at the house of Madeline Willey. Attending were Betty Ward of Oakham, Mother Advisor; Jennie Ericson of Barre, chairman of the board; C. Francis Stewart of Holden, treasurer; Wendy Isgro of Hubbardston, recorder; and Bernice Miller of South Barre. Betty Smith, a member of the advisory board for the past 17 years was recognized and presented with a gift certificate. She will be leaving soon to live in St. Petersburg, Fla.

At the monthly meeting of the Hubbardston Nonesuch Garden Club Paul Somers, state botanist, showed slides and answered questions on "Invasive Non-indigenous Plants in Massachusetts." Some of the common names of those considered to be invasive are, Norway maple, goutweed, garlic mustard, common barberry, oriental bittersweet, Russian olive, Autumn olive, Japanese honeysuckle, creeping Jenny, purple loosestrife, watercress, Japanese knotweed, multiflora rose, Japanese wisteria and coltsfoot.

38 years ago (March 31, 1983)

Quabbin Senior Theresa Sirois will attend Mount Wachusett Community College next fall and plans to enter the field of computer programming technology and

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,  
I really don't know what to tell you about this week. There hasn't been any excitement in this household at all. In fact, I have been absolutely bored most of the time.

The papers and trash went to the dump so no fun there. I missed the drain water from the shower yesterday to wash my feet in. I guess my feet will have to wait another day for Missy's next shower.

I suppose I could play "Queen of the Hill" today because Missy is changing sheets, but even that gets boring after a while.

I wonder if people have boring days or times? Missy is so cheerful most of the time, I can't imagine her getting bored. She always has some kind of a project she is working on. The rugs she has finished are now gone to family homes and the spare bed is available again for naps. That is the only bright thing I can think of at the moment.

A friend brought Missy some newly baked bread and the piece I had this morning was very tasty. The friend said if we didn't like it to feed it to the birdies. No way, it's too good and Missy won't do that. If she has some bread left overs, she will make a nice bread pudding. My samples in the past have been delicious. Nothing goes to waste in this household. Any extra potato, ends up in fired potato cakes, which I can verify are great even though I only get little samples.

I thought I would finally have an adventure down cellar when Missy opened the door. Rats, she just put some rubbish in the big trash barrel and came right up again before I could start down. Such has been this week.

Take care folks. Spring is nearly here and better things will transpire, I hope.

Love,  
Gertrude



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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Spring has finally arrived on Serenity Hill, but that also means a lot of work raking and cleaning up after winter. Ken has burned some brush piles, but there is more to do. I have raked most of the front yard, but the back yard is the problem. There are big branches from the pines all over the lawn and they have to be picked up before I can rake all the oak leaves from last fall.

Being 84 years old, I can only do so much and have to rest but slowly I am getting it done. My grandson and son-in-law came up Sunday and helped Ken cut up some of the bigger pine branches. Ken cannot use a chain saw now as he has a pacemaker.

I have been doing some genealogy on the Ancestry program when I need to rest. It is always fun to find some pictures of the relatives.

Because Ken gets the gout so often after having a tomato dish, I am starting to think the tomatoes are bad for him. Sunday I had beef stroganoff with some hamburger I had left from the day before. Being

the two of us, I just used a half pound of hamburger. This is the recipe I used.

### BEEF STROGANOFF

½ pound hamburger  
one small onion  
4 mushrooms  
macaroni  
one cup sour cream  
parmesan cheese

Cut up one small onion into cubes or slices and fry in some olive oil. Add the hamburger and about 4 cut up mushrooms. Brown the meat. Meanwhile cook some macaroni in boiling water until it is tender. Drain it and add to the hamburger. Add a cup of sour cream and when you serve it put on some parmesan cheese. ,

Other recipes call for cream of chicken soup and garlic, but I didn't use that.

### This and That

Now that spring is here it is a favorite time of the year to watch what sprouts up in the perennial gardens. Most of the gardens are now free of snow and I have raked out the leaves etc.

Marilyn Haynes and I were mentioning how this column started recently. She was the Editor of the Barre Gazette and we named our estate Serenity Hill as my Sister-in-law said it was so serene up here on the hill. Marilyn suggested that I call my column Serenity Hill Sampler 22 years ago. I enjoy writing it and also enjoy the comments I get from the readers.

Another thing I was thinking about the other day....do children have sand boxes any more. I remember our two girls spending so many hours in the sandbox making mud pies and sand castles. They had so much fun making believe they were at the beach. I haven't seen a sand box for years. When I was young, we just had a large pile of sand. Hopscotch and jump rope were also popular. We always played during recess at school. I remember all the rhymes we had when we were jump roping and playing alleys. We all had a marble bag we brought to school. Those were the good old days.

# Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

The Three County Fair, Northampton, closed its office for the winter season and instituted staff cuts and furloughs to help the 202-year-old organization survive the extended shutdown of the fairgrounds due to the COVID-19 health crisis. The cuts will affect each staff member, and includes a fourteen percent salary reduction for senior management and staggered furloughs for all employees. Furloughs could be extended if the fairgrounds are unable to host postponed 2020 events in the spring, which include over a dozen different horse shows from April through October, plus a variety of concerts and festivals. The

Three County Fair entered 2020 on solid ground after completing 2019 as its most successful year since horse racing ended at the fairgrounds in 2005, thanks to a widely attended Labor Day weekend fair, and another full slate of horse shows and festivals. But with reoccurring operational expenses and more than one million dollars in lost 2020 event revenue, the fair will run out of reserves sooner rather than later. The fair received a Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Loan in mid-May, which has since been exhausted and forgiven by its lender and the SBA. For more information, people may visit [www.3countyyfair.com](http://www.3countyyfair.com).

With the current and near future Covid 19 parameters from the CDC, the Home Builder & Remodelers Association of Western Massachusetts, along with the Eastern States Exposition, has postponed the March Home Show 2021: the "Original" Western Mass Home and Garden Show to Aug. 20 – 22, 2021. The new date will allow for the utmost personal safety for guest & vendors, allow full building occupancy, and reflect the true show attendance numbers of their past shows

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the recent hires that left the department. Gryszowka said Duff was interviewed during their last batch of hires and was "a good candidate, right in the top" of applicants. Quink asked if Duff had all the required licenses. Gryszowka said Duff has his hydraulics license, but only has his CDL permit for now until he can schedule his test. Duff would be hired at \$19 an hour and

they will revisit his pay rate once he acquires his CDL license. The board approved the hiring of Duff and gave him until Sept. 1 to get his CDL license.

### Joint letter to DPH

Young and Kemp voted to endorse the joint letter to the Department of Public Health regarding the closure of Baystate Mary Lane Hospital Emergency Facility and Outpatient Center. The letter is signed by representatives from the towns of

Ware, Warren, West Brookfield and Hardwick, along with state Senator Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, and State Reps. Donnie Berthiaume, R-Spencer, and Todd Smola, R-Warren. Quink recused herself from voting as she is on the board of Baystate Wing Hospital but said she does not personally have a problem with the board endorsing the letter.

The board went into executive session at 7 p.m. regarding the police union contract.

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this budget and vote a budget in May to present at the annual town meeting.

### Amend host agreement

The board approved the amendment to the Community Host Agreement with Paper Crane Provisions, LLC for an outdoor grow at 56 Gardner Road. Boey Bertold of Paper Crane Provisions said doing outdoor grow would allow him not to miss the 2020 growing season and he would be applying for a special permit with the planning board.

### Board of Assessors

The town administrator said the board of assessors petitioned the board of health to hold an in person meeting. The board of health said all meetings had to be virtual, otherwise an in person meeting must be open to the public. Select board chair Dan Galante asked if the assessors could meet in the selectmen meeting room and offer availability to the public via Zoom. The select board will send a letter to the board of assessors and board of health. Select board member Katie Young reclused from this discussion as her husband was an assessor.

### Town meeting warrant

The select board opened the warrant for the annual town meeting set for Tuesday, June 1. The warrant would close Monday, April 12.

### Other business

The board voted to accept the classification plan. UMass created the plan two years ago for the town. Chair Galante said the town administrator evaluation was consistent across the board and [McLane] provided his end of the bargain over the first three years.

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has selected data processing as her area of study. Theresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Sirois of Valley Road. She was on the LEAP program for a year at the Hubbardston Center School as a teacher's aide and she also went on ALP at the Mount Wachusett Community College taking data processing technology the last half of her senior year at Quabbin.

Lisa McGillivray, a senior at Quabbin Regional High School will attend Anna Maria College in the fall to study biological studies in the field of medical technology. Lisa is the niece of Anthony and Patricia Giaquinto of Hellacious Acres in Oakham. While at Quabbin she has been active as a JV soccer cheerleader, a member of the Media Club as vice-president then president. She was an audio visual aide and a member of the regional SAC, the senior bazaar

and worked on the yearbook staff. She is a member of the Oakham Fire Department Auxiliary and a committee clerk for that department.

Mrs. Glenna Bill of the Barre Nutrition Site was one of the winners at the Recipe Contest and Cook-Off held at the Worcester State College. Glenna won first prize in the breads category with her Apple, Carrot, Raisin Bread or Health Bread.

## Guest Column

# Fun with houseplants

Just about a month ago I decided to re-pot a number of my "houseplants." I figured the timing was good, since before too long the plants would be responding to longer days with increased growth. They would relish new soil and more room for their roots to sprawl in the bigger pots I would provide. While I have never really felt that my outdoor "green thumb" has transferred to indoor plants, I've managed not to kill enough of them so that one morning of February vacation was spent with my hands in potting soil liberating them from a fate of being root bound in the same tired soil.

One of my favorite houseplants is the Gerber daisy. Most people think of this plant as a summer annual, and it technically is here in the northeast, but frugal Yankees (i.e. Mom and I) have been keeping them alive through the winter for years now. Its pretty pastel daisy-type flowers remind me of those the prankster clowns use to squirt water in the faces of unsuspecting folks. In our house we call it the "happy plant." I had three good-sized pots of them, all with tired soil. It showed by how yellow-green the leaves were. I moistened my compost-based Coast of Maine potting soil and proceeded to pry the plants apart, giving the divisions a fresh pot and a splash of liquid fertilizer once back on the windowsill. I am happy to say I now have one flower and a few others awaiting in the crown! Success!

Three other plants typically grown as annuals were saved from winter's chill and brought indoors as an experiment. One was a lobelia plant that grew in a ceramic pot by my front door all summer. Usually lobelias peter out during the dog days, but this newer variety kept right on blooming right through the heat. For the fun of it, I cut it back in late October and put it, pot and all in my mud room. Lo

and behold, it started to grow. I provided it with light, some fresh soil and said liquid fertilizer, and it is actually sporting a few blossoms right now. I am only hoping it will be happy indoors for several more weeks; thankfully lobelias are fairly cold hardy so I can probably get it outside earlier than most flowering plants.

Another annual I overwintered is heliotrope. Given to me as a gift last summer, its purple, vanilla-baby powder scented flowers provided a olfactory pick-me-up whenever needed. Admittedly, this plant struggled over the winter but with fresh soil and a brighter window it is thriving once more. The same goes for a coleus that I got from a my friend Jean a year and a half ago. I decided take cuttings of all three to increase my coffers and happily both the coleus and the lobelia have rooted. It's been tricky to keep the almost furry heliotrope leaves from wilting while awaiting roots. More research necessary there.

Late last spring I made a mixed planter with succulent type plants for my porch. I used what I had, including two tiny kalachoe plants rescued from where I don't recall. They looked so pathetic that I planted them almost in the same hole to make one decent-sized plant. But alas, in just three months of good soil and a warm porch they tripled in size and by February were full of aphids. After a soapy bath they were separated, each given their own pot. Now, one has flower buds! I have read that kalanchoes are easy to propagate. Simply take a cutting of terminal growth two to three inches long, stripping off all but the top 2 or 3 leaves. Allow the stem to callus and then insert into a free-draining type of pot-



Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

ting soil, one comprised of peat moss and perlite is ideal. Begin checking for roots in about a month.

Another plant that faced true liberation a month ago was an amaryllis that I received in a fancy clear container. The bulb was waxed, or maybe even covered in some kind of plastic. Hard to tell.. All you had to do was put it on the shelf, no potting up required. Something did not set well with me about this fancy new modus...they want you to throw it away afterwards! But I kept my comment to myself, thanked the person who gave it to me and watched as it bloomed, nicely, but on a shorter stem than what I am used to. Once the flowers had passed it looked as though another stem wanted to put out flower buds, but it just sort of sat there. I decided I would operate, gently peeling the wax off the bulb. After planting in potting soil the amaryllis did bloom and has since put out healthy white roots this last month. Next it will grow a healthy crop of foliage then go dormant before blooming again next fall/winter.

It was a lot of fun to repot and experiment with my "houseplants." Maybe I've had some success because not all of them were intentioned for the house all along. Or maybe my luck is changing!

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## Barre selectmen continue pole petitions

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – The Barre Board of Selectmen held two pole petitions Monday, March 15.

A spokesman for National Grid said the first petition requested to run poles down Vernon Avenue to Barre Depot Road to remove wires off a right of way. The second petition included an underground portion of conduit. The administrative assistant sent the plans to the department of public works superintendent Jason Pimental for his approval last week. He had not responded.

Selectmen voted to continue the two pole petitions until the DPW signs off on the plans. All the pole locations are marked and National Grid would contact the DPW.

Selectman chair Greg O'Sullivan asked the National Grid spokesman about the resident, who was told by the cable company she had to replace a pole to get cable as the pole would not hold the cable line. He said most likely it was a clearance issue. If it were an old 35 foot pole, it would not have the height clearance and would need to be replaced with a 40 foot pole.

**Cable issue**

State Rep. Don Berthiaume attended the discussion on the cable issue. The town has about ten roads or sections of those roads, which were not covered by cable. The town asked Spectrum Charter for an estimate on the cost to add cable service about three years ago. It listed four or five roads and did not include the more extensive list the town administrator recently compiled. The cost at the time was three million dollars. The selectmen opted to get a new quote from Spectrum, which included the ten roads on the list.

Rep. Berthiaume said the town of Hardwick ran underground cable to access some areas of town. He said the cable fiber did not need conduit and did not have to be buried deep. Chair O'Sullivan said Spectrum would not be able to dig along town property, but the town could.

**High Hawk Farm public hearing**

Chris Higgins of High Hawk Farm attended the public hearing for a cannabis manufacturing license for High Hawk Farm. No one from the public called into the meeting. Following the hearing, selectmen approved the

Community Host Agreement for High Hawk Farm as amended and authorized the selectman chair to sign it.

**Administrator assessor**

Selectmen approved the recommendation of the board of assessors to hire Rachel Carney as administrator assessor. The assessors interviewed five candidates and selected Carney, who worked in the assessors office in Warren.

**Conservation Commission**

The conservation commission has had trouble meeting quorums due to the illness of one of its full-time member, Kurt Wells. Selectman Matthew Urban said he talked to the member and he would not be adverse to giving up the position. His term will end June 30 of this year. The board voted to respectively remove Kurt Wells from the position for the remainder of his term.

Selectmen received two candidates, Tony Mobilio and Lucas Roddy. Mobilio has education in environmental studies and served on the scenic byways committee. Roddy served on the board of health in Templeton and is a licenses soil evaluator. The board appointed Roddy to the Conservation Commission for

the end of the term. Selectman Urban abstained as he had contact with the candidate.

**COVID update**

Town administrator Jessica Sizer said Barre would be receiving 1.1 million dollars in stimulus revenue, but the guidelines for uses was not released yet. Selectman chair O'Sullivan said, "It would be nice if we could use this money for getting cable to those not served." She also said Barre was part of the Rutland regional site for COVID-19 vaccinations.

**Solid Waste Solution contract**

Selectmen voted to approve the contract for Solid Waste Solutions as written to run the town's transfer station located on Barre Depot Road. It would now go to the board of health for its approval as they oversee the transfer station.

**Other business**

Selectmen approved the use of town property for story walks for Making Opportunities Count for Thursdays, May 6 and June 17. They also waived the fee.

Selectman appointed Tony Mobilio to the alternate planning board member as the current member, Ralph Rogers is moving out of town.

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Commissioner for three-years and candidate for re-election; Cherie E. Benoit, 49 Nelson Way and David A. Deschamps, 481 Britton Road East, for two positions to library trustees for three-years and both candidates for re-election and David A. Deschamps, 481 Britton Road East and Stanley "Lee" Wolanin, 1118 Old Hardwick Road, for two positions for the Quabbin Regional School Committee members for three-years and both candidates for re-election.

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reported that in February, Sgt. David Churchey and Sgt. Christopher Donais both attended the FBI-LEEDA Training, Supervisor Leadership Institute, the first part in a trilogy of trainings.

**Water Department contract**

The board voted to approve the Water Department's annual contract renewal with SOLitude Lake Management to treat the water.

Complete Streets master planning services agreement

Board of Selectman Chairman Dale Kiley said the Finance Committee approved the cost of Task One, for \$10,800, from their unanticipated costs. He said this is the first step in getting Complete Streets grants. They will send the agreement to town counsel to make sure that it only applies to Task One.

**CDBG extension**

Barre said the pandemic caused a delay for home improvements under the Community Block Development Grant and that they were seeking an extension to complete the work covered under the grant. There is roughly \$3,980 remaining in the grant. The board approved the extension.

**Park completion**

Tripp said they could use at least \$4,000 to finish the park and have grass put in when the ground is thawed. He said that amount includes unpaid bills that need to be paid on the project. Tripp said donations are needed. Tripp said electricity is about \$40 a month on average, and that money comes from street lighting.

**Public comment**

Brandon Avery said he walked at the new town forest parcel and said there are several cleared spots and there is a nice view of the pond and the backside of the old Wolcott mill dam. Avery said

he wanted to propose naming it Wolcott Woods. Tripp said they were thinking about Brickyard Park, but nothing is official. He told Avery he would love to hear some history on the Wolcott's. The parcel of land was taken by the town for nonpayment of taxes and is over 29 acres, located near the Rail Trail off Brickyard Road. Tripp said they plan to add trails to the parcel. Avery said it is a "very nice piece of property," and he was glad the town saved it.

**Other business**

Kiley said there have been any positive COVID-19 cases reported recently.

Kiley said he was asked to announce that excise taxes are now past due. Demands have been issued and they are due March 30. Water demands are out and were due March 22. Sewer bills are mailed and due April 1. Dog licenses are also due April 1.

The board then went into executive session.

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## Valley Wheel Baseball seeking new talent for 2021 season

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – The regular season is just a month away and the members of the Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League are excited to be playing baseball again.

Last year, the season was cancelled once parks were closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

An attempt was made by commissioner Jim Nason to hold a short season once modified rules for activity were allowed, but there was not enough interest to keep the league operating.

Now, the league is gearing for a full season, but between circumstances changing during the pandemic and the modifications currently in place for sports The league is definitely in need of more baseball talent.

Nason is hoping “quarantine fatigue” and the need to get outdoors and get active will draw new players to tryouts when they start next weekend.

Tryouts for the league will take place Saturday, April 3, and the next two Sundays, April 11 and 18.

There are normally six teams



Valley Wheel Baseball is ready to get started again. Tryouts were held last summer before the season ultimately had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

in the league and the hope is to continue to have that tradition as players begin to make their way out to the fields The normal Valley Wheel season is 15 games beginning April 25 this year and going until the end of July. The league plays nine-inning games, allowing all participants an opportunity to get plenty of at-bats and lots of time in the field.

The top four teams in the league make the playoffs and the semi-finals and finals are held in the first two weeks of August. The schedule also features a couple of weeknights games and a special Mother’s Day weekend Saturday game.

There are still modified rules for adult baseball under the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs,

which requires mask-wearing, social distancing when possible, and no spitting among the habit baseball players are not allowed to engage in. While the game play is largely the same, the mask-wearing rule was one that was the subject of controversy last summer and ultimately led to the cancellation of the shortened season.

With vaccinations in



File photos

Tryouts are set to begin on April 3.

Massachusetts clearing one million eople and the state entering Phase 4 of the re-opening plan earlier this week, Nason is hopeful the restrictions will ease as the season goes on, especially as it relates to gathering.

Comradery is one of the staples of the league, which has usually

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## Sign-ups now open for Quabbin Area Little League

BARRE – The Quabbin Area Little League baseball/softball organization has announced sign-ups are now open. You can go to [www.quabbinll.com](http://www.quabbinll.com) through April 1 to sign up. The costs for baseball are as follows: T-Ball - \$50, Youth Minor - \$65, Minor Kid Pitch - \$75, and Major Kid Pitch - \$85. The softball costs are: 8U Instructional - \$50, 10U Minor Kid Pitch - \$65, 13U Major Kid Pitch - \$85. There are \$10 discounts for multiple family member registrations and financial assistance is available for those in need.

There are also volunteer opportunities available. Help the league by coaching as a head or assistant coach, volunteer to assist with field maintenance, or many other tasks that help the entirely volunteer-run organization operate. Have questions about registering or volunteering? Email [qalld3ma@gmail.com](mailto:qalld3ma@gmail.com) for more information.

## Photos wanted for Panthers sports

BARRE – With the upcoming season and a limited number of games and opportunities to feature current athletes, the Barre Gazette is in need of and is welcoming any and all photo submissions of Fall 2 sports beginning next week. If you are interested in either taking or submitting photos from Quabbin games for use in the Barre Gazette, please contact editor Gregory A. Scibelli at [sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com).

## Purse structure announced for 2021 season

WATERBURY, VT and NAPLES, ME -- American-Canadian Tour (ACT) and Pro All Star Series (PASS) officials have announced the purse structure for the five weekly divisions set for competition at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park in 2021.

A total of nearly \$24,000 in posted awards have been set to be distributed to the Sunoco Modifieds, Late Models, SK Light Modifieds, Limited Sportsman, and Mini Stocks at each event. All five divisions will compete as part of the six-race oval track event schedule at Thompson, which begins with the annual Icebreaker on April 10 and 11. The schedule also includes four Wednesday night races in the summer (June 16, July 7, Aug. 11 and Sept. 15) and the Sunoco World Series (Oct. 8 to 10).

“When Tom (Mayberry) and I agreed to take on this role at Thompson, one of our priorities was posting a fair purse for all divisions,” ACT managing partner Cris Michaud said. “I raced for 20+ years, and I experienced firsthand the value of an extra dollar. We’ve put together a competitive structure that rewards everyone who shows up and will help teams get their cars to the track.”

The roar of the Sunoco Modifieds will return to the high-banks with drivers chasing a \$1,500 winning prize for their 30-lap feature races. With \$900 on the line for second, \$600 for third and



Submitted photo

Information has been released for racing purses for the 2021 season.

\$200 to start each race, the Sunoco Modified purse itself rises over \$8,500. Some of the top names in local Modified racing are expected to compete, including Keith Rocco, who looks to continue his dominance of the competitive class on Thompson’s 0.625-mile oval. Other names expected for the opener include Troy Talman, a former Thompson winner.

The Late Models, which will again follow ACT Tour rules — including the addition of the new Hoosier tire — will chase \$1,200 to win. As part of a purse better than \$7,000 throughout the field, Late Model drivers will open the season with a 40-lap special at the Icebreaker. They will continue to thrill Thompson fans with some of the top competitors from across New England. Names like Woody

Pitkat, who swept both races in 2020, along with Nick Johnson, defending ACT Tour Rookie of the Year Derek Gluchacki and more will be in competition.

The Limited Sportsman are set to return with a purse over \$3,000 of their own and \$350 on the line to win. Known as one of the most exciting divisions at Thompson each year, the Limited Sportsman keep fans on the edge of their seat with two, and often three-wide action throughout the field.

Early entries for the season include former Thompson champions Kyle Gero and Larry Barnett, along with former Seekonk Speedway Sportsman champion Corey Fanning. At the Icebreaker, Limited Sportsman drivers may also take the opportunity to compete in a 8-Cylinder Open Street

Stock open on Saturday, which pays \$1,000 to win.

Rising over \$3,000, the SK Light Modified purse includes another \$350 to win, with \$250 for second and a strong distribution of funds throughout the field. As a division that puts some of the youth of Modified racing and veterans together, it’s expected to be another stout year.

The Mini Stock thunder will return to Thompson with feature races set for \$200 to win and over \$1,600 in presented awards. Early entries for the season include Thompson veterans Russ Barboza, Tommy Silva and former division champion Steve Michalski.

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park opens its

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## Sign up for Quabbin Valley Baseball

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Baseball League is an age 28-and-over league which plays its games Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning in late April and concluding in late August. It is a six-team league and a 15-game schedule with all teams getting at least one play-off game at the end of August.

The league is seeking new

players to join in the fun. The cost to play in 2021 is \$192.50 and registration can be found at [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org). Games are mostly being played this year in Easthampton and South Hadley. Players who wish to pitch in the league must be 30-years-old.

Sign-ups are active and play-

ers who are not already on a team will be placed in a draft, currently scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 11.

The league’s first games are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 25. For the 2021 season, there is a mask-wearing rule, as well as modifications that prohibit any type of spitting or close contact, and

players are required to take out all trash they bring in with them. The league allows the use of BBCOR-certified -3 bats as well as wood bats. Games are nine innings and all players who participate get to hit and play the field. For more information or to contact someone from the league, go to the league’s website.

## Worcester schools return to action

SPRINGFIELD – The WPI baseball team took the field on Sunday afternoon for the first time in over a year, and opened their season with a 5-2 victory over Springfield College in New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) play.

The teams would settle for a split of the day’s doubleheader, as Springfield won the second game 11-3.

Game 1: WPI 5, Springfield 2

The Engineers broke a 1-1 tie in the third inning with three runs on three hits, including a two-run single by shortstop Martin McCormack (Quincy, MA), who was 3-3 in the game with a walk and a run scored to go with the pair of RBIs.

Andrew Brooks (Millis, MA) had two hits and scored twice from the leadoff spot for the Engineers, who overcame a 1-0 deficit to earn the win for freshman Noah Pins (Holden, MA) in his first collegiate appearance. Pins pitched three-innings of one-run relief with three strikeouts.

Springfield catcher Nick Fazio (Kings Park, NY) opened the scoring with a one-out home run to left field in the top of the second inning. Fazio ended the game with three hits and two RBI. He knocked in the Pride’s only other run with a single to right field in the sixth.

DJ Brooks (Kings Park, NY) tied the score with a single to score McCormack in the bottom of the second.

One inning later, the Engineers put two on with one out before sophomore Kyle Johns (Milltown, NJ) singled in Brooks. Johns and senior Jordan DeDonato (Danvers, MA) came home on the next at bat, when McCormack collected his base knock to left field.

WPI starter Everett Wonson (Wenham, MA) struck out two in three innings of one-run ball, while Andrew Gray (Millersville, MD) and Matt Penkala (Warren, RI) combined to keep the Pride scoreless over the last three frames. Penkala closed the door to earn his first save of the year.

Noah Bleakley (Granby, MA) took the loss for the Pride, allowing three earned runs over four innings of work. Bleakley struck out five and allowed just one free pass.

Brendan Kirck (Hamden, CT) tossed three and a third innings of relief for Springfield, allowing just one run and striking out two.

Game 2: Springfield 11, WPI 3

Springfield scored six times in their half of the third inning and got three hits from Bleakley, who played first base in the nightcap.

The teams each had eight hits, but only Bleakley and DeDonato, who went 2-3 for WPI, recorded more than one base knock.

Joe Traversa (Pittsfield, MA) got the ball rolling for Springfield with a double in the first inning, eventually scoring on a wild pitch, but WPI levelled the score in the second when Joe Salvon (Longmeadow,

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## Athlete of the Week



**NAME: Brendan Whitelaw**  
**SCHOOL: Quabbin**  
 Whitelaw served as one of the senior captains for Quabbin boys basketball team, which wrapped its season early this month.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Month, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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## Hampshire association seeking umpires

REGION – The Hampshire Franklin Baseball Umpire Association (HFBUA) is planning to conduct classes for the 2021 baseball season following all recommended COVID-19 protocols including the possibility of on-line instruction. The association covers umpiring of scholastic baseball for all of Hampshire

and Franklin county schools registered under MIAA and several other baseball leagues in the area. If you are interested in umpiring baseball or obtaining further information regarding the upcoming classes please contact Roger Booth - Secretary/Treasurer of the HFBUA via email at quilthunter@comcast.net.

## Follow Turley Sports on Instagram

Turley Publications sports department has recently joined Instagram. You can find our account by searching “turleysports.” We will regularly feature samples of photos that you will see in our publications on a weekly basis. Please follow and share with

your friends and loved ones. We will be featuring photos from all 11 of our sports sections in the coming weeks, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community.

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- All of the components considered individually
- Play “\_\_ Irish Rose”
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- Feline
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- Women’s undergarments
- Mountain stream
- Expresses pleasure
- Painful places on the body
- Automobile
- Scandinavian god of battle
- Expresses surprise
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- Yields manila hemp
- River in central Italy
- Brain injury science acronym
- Mental illness
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# Education

## Fitchburg State offers webinar on Master’s in Arts Education

FITCHBURG — Learn about Fitchburg State University’s Master of Education in Arts Education at a free webinar at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6.

The program is offered through Fitchburg State’s School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education.

The curriculum for the Master of Education in Arts Education seeks to further develop excellence in teaching through a core

of arts pedagogy courses, while also allowing for deep engagement with creative practice through content courses. The core requirements, which are shared by students in both the art and music concentrations, have an emphasis on arts pedagogy and enhance an understanding of best teaching practices in any arts classroom. The courses study dominant current trends in pedagogical theory and methods,

and place a strong emphasis on practical application in a classroom setting.

Webinar attendees can learn more about the program as well as answers to any questions about graduate, online and continuing education at Fitchburg State.

To register for the free webinar, people may visit <https://admissions.fitchburgstate.edu/register/ArtsEdApril2021>.

## Free lecture offered about Central Massachusetts’ role in abolition

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State University’s Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area program will present a free lecture on the role Central Massachusetts played in the abolition of slavery.

The lecture by Darren Barry will be offered at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30. The event is free and open to the public. As a hotbed of antislavery activity in the mid-eighteenth century, Central Massachusetts played a vital role in the crusade to emancipate four million slaves from bondage and the ensuing Civil War that finally brought their objective to fruition. In this provocative presentation, Darren Barry examines the individuals

and families that made up the abolitionist communities of Fitchburg and Worcester. He will also discuss the complex ways in which the people of these localities chose to remember the Civil War’s fundamental issues of slavery and racial equality in the decades following the conflict.

Registration is required to attend this event. To register, please visit <http://marketplace.fitchburgstate.edu/alfa>.

Barry is a U.S. history teacher at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg. He holds a master’s degree in history from Worcester State University and a master’s in education from Chadron State College. His research interests

include Civil War memory, the history of teaching slavery in American education and African-American cultural history during the progressive era.

ALFA is a lifelong learning institute that serves adult learners in Fitchburg and the surrounding communities. ALFA is sponsored by the School of Graduate, Online, and Continuing Education at Fitchburg State University in collaboration with volunteer members of the community. The program offers non-credit daytime classes, trips, special events and a free speaker series.. To learn more, people may visit [fitchburgstate.edu/alfa](http://fitchburgstate.edu/alfa).

## Quabbin Class of 1970 to hold reunion

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Class of 1970 will be having its 50th Class Reunion Saturday, Oct. 23. The actual 50 year date was postponed due to COVID. The event is scheduled to take place at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge. The reunion will include a social hour, and dinner. Overnight accommodations are available at discounted rates. More details will be forthcoming.

Organizers are searching for classmates. A preliminary interest/opinion letter was sent out the early spring, 2020. Classmates who did not receive one should contact Margo Petracone at [westwindfm@aol.com](mailto:westwindfm@aol.com) or 978-621-9812. Also, anyone who may be helpful in finding classmates or providing information should call or write.

## HCC to hold comedy workshop

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is partnering with Pam Victor, president and founder of Happier Valley Comedy, to offer “Establishing Resilience: Building Happiness,” a 2-½ hour Zoom workshop on Saturday, April 10 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Victor, a comedian and improv facilitator who prefers the title “head of happiness,” will lead participants on an experiential exploration of happiness and resilience building to enhance their joy and ease at work and home. She will share stress-relieving exercises and techniques to help people bring more well-being, laughter, gratitude and play into their daily lives.

According to its website, [happiervalley.com](http://happiervalley.com), Happier Valley Comedy, based in Hadley, is Western Mass’s first and only comedy theater and training program. The cost of the April 10 class is \$99. To register, people should go to [hcc.edu/happiness](http://hcc.edu/happiness).

## University of Hartford announces president’s list

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – The University of Hartford congratulates the students, who have been named to the president’s honors list for fall 2020.

Local students making the president’s honors list are: Felix Aremburg of Oakham, Genavieve Fay of New Braintree and Jason Smith of Rutland.

The president’s honors list is made up of an extremely select group of students, who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester.

## College Dean's Lists

### University of Rhode Island announces dean’s list

KINGSTON, R.I. -- The University of Rhode Island announces the fall 2020 dean’s list. The following students were named to dean’s list: Sarah Barry of Hubbardston, Brigid Griffin of Rutland, Emily Haz of Rutland, Conor Looney of Rutland, Emily Mitko of Barre, Rebecca Norcross of Hubbardston, Mackenzie Paradis of Barre and Zach Rutherford of Rutland.

To be included on the dean’s list, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

### RIT announces dean’s list

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – The Rochester Institute of Technology announces the dean’s list for the 2020 fall semester.

Local students making the dean’s list are: Andrew Afonso of Hubbardston, who is in the computing security program; Brock Dyer of

Barre, who is in the computer science program; Owen McClure of Ware, who is in the applied statistics and actuarial science program; Hunter Ostrander of Hubbardston, who is in the 3D digital design program; Rebecca Syria of Hubbardston, who is in the computer science program and Kyle Zielinski of Ware, who is in the game design and development program.

Undergraduate students are eligible for dean’s list if their GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 for nine credit hours of traditionally graded coursework; they do not have any grades of “Incomplete,” NE, D, or F and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

### Simmons University dean’s list

BOSTON – Simmons University announces its 2020 fall semester dean’s list.

Local students making the dean’s list are Riley Wasiuk, Margaret Callender and Taryn McEntegart, all of Rutland.

To qualify for dean’s list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

### Emma Hickey earns dean’s award with distinction

HAMILTON, N.Y. – Emma Hickey, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2024, has earned the fall 2020 dean’s award with distinction.

She is a neuroscience major from Rutland and is a graduate of Wachusett Regional High School.

Students, who receive a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher while completing at least three courses during the fall 2020 semester, earn the dean’s award with distinction.

### Fatima Qutab earns first academic honors at Clark University

WORCESTER – Fatima S. Qutab of Rutland, was named to first honors on the Clark University dean’s list. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the spring 2020 semester.

To be eligible for first honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+’s).

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included tailgating after games. That is a practice that will also have to be on hold until restrictions lift.

For more information on getting involved in adult baseball, go to [www.valleywheelbaseball.com](http://www.valleywheelbaseball.com).

To play in the league, you must be 28-years-old before June 1. In order to participate in the league as a pitcher, you must be 30-years-old before June 1. Players can participate in at least one of the three try-outs dates, usually held at Blunt Park, and then a draft is held prior to the start of the season.

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MA) singled and came home as part of a double steal with Nick Rath (Medford, MA).

The Pride wasted no time in taking the lead back, and never trailed after right fielder Conor Santoianni (Stormville, NY) led off the third with a solo home run. From there, Springfield used a pair of walks and an error to put two men on and pushed across a run when Bleakley sin-

gled to center field.

Cadin Maynard (Waterford, CT) and Fazio added RBI singles and Penkala brought Maynard home with a sacrifice fly to right.

Penkala picked up another RBI in the sixth with a bases-loaded walk, and Andrew McCarty (Meriden, CT) scored Maynard for the second time on the day with a single.

WPI scored a pair in the seventh, but Springfield took advantage of three consecutive walks

to add two more runs in the ninth.

Twelve pitchers took the hill between the two teams in the second game. WPI starter Alexander Mondro (Westford, MA) suffered the loss, allowing five earned runs in two innings.

Jeremy Rhines (Plainville, MA), Gavin Maloney (W Boylston, MA), and Carter Bach (Albany, NY) all threw scoreless innings for WPI, with Bach striking out two of the three batters he faced.

PASS Super Late Models, and five Thompson weekly divisions. The 8-Cylinder Street Stock Open, NEMA Lites, and EXIT Realty Pro Truck Challenge round out the card. An optional Test N’ Tune practice day is slated for Friday, April 9 with all Icebreaker divisions welcome.

Jacob Shpur (East Canaan, CT), who got the win for the Pride, was fantastic in relief, throwing two scoreless innings with four strikeouts and no walks. Blake Roberge (Warwick, RI) also had an immaculate outing, striking out three in a perfect two innings of work.

The Engineers head to Babson next weekend for a twin-bill starting at 12:00 noon. Springfield will next play at home on Saturday, April 3 with a doubleheader against Wheaton.





## Your Health & Wellness



# Good heart health begins early in life

SPRINGFIELD – Seeing a primary care provider regularly can help to prevent chronic illnesses such as heart disease.

“When detected early, heart disease is much easier to treat. So, it is important to talk with your doctor or advanced practitioner about new symptoms that you are having,” said Dr. Stephanie Silverman of Baystate Family Medicine-Northampton. “If you don’t already have a primary care provider, this is a good time to find one.”

The doctor or advanced practitioner can help people identify and manage their risk factors for heart disease by partnering with them to create a wellness and prevention plan.

“The good news is that you can significantly reduce your risk of heart disease by leading a healthy lifestyle. However, there are some risk factors that cannot be changed such as increasing age, ethnic group, gender (men have a greater risk of heart attack than women) and having close family members with heart disease. People, whose parents have

heart disease, are at greater risk for developing it themselves,” said Dr. Silverman.

Dr. Silverman noted that several health conditions can increase the risk of heart disease. About half of all Americans have at least 1 of 3 key risk factors: high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.

According to the National Diabetes Statistics Report, the risk of death from heart disease is higher for adults, who have diabetes than those who don’t. Diabetes causes sugar to build up in the blood, which damages the inner linings of both large and small arteries.

Another serious risk factor is high blood pressure, when the pressure of the blood in the arteries is too high.

Also, unhealthy blood cholesterol levels can contribute to heart disease. Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance made by the liver or found in certain foods, which can build up in the walls of the arteries. It can then lead to a narrowing of those arteries and can decrease the

blood flow to the heart.

Obesity, or excess body fat (especially around the waist) can lead to heart disease, even if other risk factors are not present. Obesity can also contribute to the development of high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes, all risk factors for heart disease.

“All of these risk factors high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and obesity that can lead to heart disease can be prevented or treated with medications or lifestyle changes. Part of what we do in primary care is to work with you to help you to minimize these risks and stay as healthy as possible,” said Dr. Silverman.

Other major risk factors that contribute to heart disease include smoking, physical inactivity, alcohol, an unhealthy diet and stress.

Smoking, alcohol and stress can raise blood pressure. An unhealthy diet of saturated fats and foods high in sodium and added sugars can also raise blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Not getting enough physical

exercise can lead to obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.

“Your primary care doctor or advanced practitioner can help you to make lifestyle changes to address these behaviors and set you on a path to a healthier you by reducing your risk of heart disease,” said Dr. Silverman.

“Good heart health begins when we are young. Children and young adults who develop smart lifestyle habits will benefit from making heart healthy choices that will have lasting benefits as they grow older,” Dr. Steven Dipillo said.

“Our practice alongside Baystate Family Medicine is the perfect example of coordinated care. Any physician from the primary care practice has the convenience under one roof of consulting with us if a question arises on a patient’s heart health,” Dr. Dipillo said.

To learn more about Baystate Medical Center’s life-saving cardiac capabilities, people may visit baystatehealth.org/heart.

# Swollen lymph nodes after COVID vaccine can result in abnormal mammograms

SPRINGFIELD – Since the first of the COVID-19 vaccines began to roll out in late December, radiologists across the country have seen an increase in abnormal mammograms, which showed swollen lymph nodes.

“The presence of swollen lymph nodes, although rare, on a mammogram could be a sign of breast cancer requiring an additional exam or even a biopsy. When women receive a callback after a mammogram, it can be quite anxiety producing, but usually doesn’t mean cancer,” said radiologist Dr. Jennifer Hadro, medical co-director of Breast Imaging at Baystate Health.

To save women the anxiety over a possible false positive, the Society of Breast Imaging released the following statement. “If possible, and when it does not unduly delay care, consider scheduling screening exams prior to the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccination or 4-6 weeks following the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccination.”

“Swollen lymph nodes on the side of the injection are not

unusual after being vaccinated against other viruses such as the flu and may actually be a good sign. Their presence is an indication that the vaccine is likely doing its job and your body is beginning to build up an immunity to the virus,” Dr. Hadro added.

Women with irregular results on their mammogram will need a follow-up after their second dose of the vaccine in order to be certain that the inflammation was nothing more than a side effect to the vaccine.

“The recommendations above apply to screening mammography only, meaning women without any concerns such as a lump or other breast changes. We know that mammograms save lives, and if your doctor has ordered a mammogram as a precaution after feeling a lump or other concern, it’s important to keep that appointment even if you have been vaccinated in the past 4-6 weeks,” said Dr. Hadro.

For more information about Baystate Health, people may visit baystatehealth.org.

# AARP Massachusetts urges full-scale mobilization of COVID vaccine rollout

BOSTON – With people age 50 and older accounting for 95% of all deaths from COVID-19, AARP Massachusetts State Director Mike Festa and State President Sandra Harris testified at a legislative hearing held today before the Joint Committee on COVID-19 & Emergency Preparedness & Management.

“AARP Massachusetts is deeply appreciative for the efforts the legislature and the Baker Administration has undertaken to address the unprecedented public health and economic crisis that we face as a state. In particular, we note the many actions the state has taken on a temporary or emergency basis to help Massachusetts residents better weather this pandemic. We urge you to evaluate those actions and move swiftly to ensure that the benefits they have produced continue once this emergency has subsided.

The situation in nursing homes is particularly dire. In the Commonwealth, residents and staff of nursing homes account for nearly 60% of all COVID-19 deaths, though they are less than 1% of the population.

As the Committee continues its work, AARP Massachusetts urges the legislature and the Baker Administration to: better understand why so many long term care facility residents died in Massachusetts’ nursing homes; make structural and systemic changes to the long term services and supports system and most importantly, learn how to prevent the state’s tragic outcomes from ever happening again.

AARP continues to hear from members that they are having challenges scheduling an appointment. “There is incredible demand from our members for more information about when, where and how they can get a vaccine,” said Festa.

Harris added, “I cannot stress enough how eager AARP Massachusetts members are to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, which offers so much promise for

a return to normalcy. And, they want a system they can access to receive vaccines that works for them, and works efficiently.”

AARP Massachusetts offered the following recommendations:

**Prioritize Older Residents** - Since the start of the pandemic, nearly 95 percent of the deaths from COVID-19 have been among people age 50 and older. That is why it is critical that older adults be prioritized to receive these vaccines and the associated appointments.

**A Centralized, Equitable, Accessible, User-Friendly, Vaccination Appointment System** - While the Vax-Finder website and 211 call center are a significant step in the right direction, we must work quickly toward a centralized, equitable, accessible, user-friendly, vaccination appointment and confirmation system.

**Transparency of Data and Plans Related to Infections, Hospitalizations, Deaths, Vaccinations, and Appointments**—AARP believes residents deserve updated data on the COVID 19 pandemic and the vaccination efforts in the Bay State. AARP MA is pleased the Commonwealth produces daily or weekly reports.

**Enhance and Expand Communication and Outreach Efforts** – State and local governments should pro-actively reach out to those eligible for the vaccines.

“Since March 2020, we have joined together to battle coronavirus and its health and economic consequences. We now have the hope of ending the pandemic through widespread vaccination. It’s time for full-scale mobilization so we will finally get back to normal. We urge the Committee to keep searching for the answers, to permanently adopt those measures that have been proven successful, and to take swift action to address the known shortfalls,” said Festa.

## Church News

### Local pastor offers sermon

#### Holy Week Preparations

Holy Week is nearly upon us. Holy week-comprised primarily of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter-celebrates and commemorates key moments from the final days of Jesus’ earthly life and ministry. In this edition, I would challenge you to prepare for so sacred a season by doing one or more of the following:

1) Study the Happenings of Holy Week

It is impossible to exaggerate the significance of events like Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. The final week of Christ changed the world for both time and eternity! Thus said, why not take the time to thoroughly review the manifold happenings of His final week? For your convenience, I have provided the following links to trusted online resources: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Passion-Week.html>; <https://bible.org/article/chronology-synopsis-passion-week>; <https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/easter/what-is-holy-week.html>

Time spent in the Word of God is always time well spent!

2) Consider Personal Applications

Point 1 above challenged you to spend time in the Bible. Point 2 challenges you to find application for what you read. You must understand that the happenings of Holy Week are to possess ongoing impact in our daily lives and living. Thus said, it is of benefit to wrestle with questions like the following:

Q1. How does the declaration of Jesus’ kingship on Palm Sunday manifest in your life in the here-and-now? In what way(s) do you know Christ as both Savior AND Lord? To what degree is your life marked by submission to Him and His teaching?

Q2. How does the sacrificial death of Christ on Good Friday impact your life? Have you placed your faith in Him and His finished work OR are you trusting in someone or something else for eternal life? Are the things you are living for worth Jesus dying for?

Q3. How does Jesus’ victory over death, hell and the grave on Easter Sunday affect you in 2021 and beyond? Do you know Jesus as merely a religious icon OR as the Risen Savior who is alive, well, intimate and abiding through all seasons and earthly circumstances?

3) Memorize Moving Passages

The opening points challenge you

to spend time in the Word and consider the applications thereof. Why not commit select portions of Scripture to memory? As you read and reflect, look for those passages that resonate and/or speak to your heart. Meditate upon them and commit them to memory. Trust me, you will never regret hiding the Word of God in your heart!

Feel free to start with the following text:

**Acts 2:24 (NIV)**

24 . . . God raised him [Jesus] from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

4) Participate in Local Church Services

Community churches will certainly spotlight the events of the Passion Week (as this is the most sacred season in the whole of Christendom). Have you ever considered joining a nearby assembly for their Palm Sunday, Good Friday or Easter gatherings? If not, why not? I am sure they would love to have you! If you are hesitant to attend in person due to the pandemic, avail yourself of applicable livestream capabilities.

If you would like to join us at New Life (i.e., either in-person or online), our service information is provided on our church website: [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org). You can also contact me directly using the number at the conclusion of this publication.

5) Share Christ with Others

Holy Week reminds us of the good news of Jesus’ mighty work on our behalf. What do we typically do with good news? We share it with others! This Easter season tell someone of the death and resurrection of Christ. Let us not hide what He has done-let us proclaim it to the nations!

May we embrace the mindset of the apostle Paul, who penned the following millennia ago:

**Colossians 1:28-29**

28 He [Christ] is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. 29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us in person each Sunday at 10:30am (COVID-19 protocols are presented on the aforementioned website). We hope to see you soon.

**Pastor James Foley**

*New Life Assembly of God  
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### Tri-Parish Community Church news

NEW BRAINTREE – Have you ever given thought to who Saint Patrick actually was? Well, thanks to a lot of research by Deacon Ginny Rich, the Tri-Parish Community Church service on Sunday, March 20 at the New Braintree Congregational Church, learned of an inspired Christian preacher; a man of leg-

end; a man of myth and, a man whose dedication to converting the early Irish has lasted for centuries. This Sunday, March 28, will be led by Rev. Kathleen Fitzgibbons, assisted by Jennifer Pollard at the New Braintree Congregational Church at 10 a.m. Masks and social distancing are required. All are welcome.

### State income tax filing deadline extends to May 17

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration announced the extension of the 2020 state individual income tax filing and payment due date from April 15 to match the recently-updated May 17 deadline for filing federal individual income taxes.

Massachusetts taxpayers do not need to file any forms or contact the Department of Revenue directly to qualify for this automatic state tax

extension. All Massachusetts taxpayers, who received more than \$8,000 in total gross income in calendar year 2020 must file a state personal income tax return electronically or send it postmarked by midnight May 17. Taxpayers are encouraged to file their tax returns electronically for the quickest refunds. People may learn more about filing options at [mass.gov/dor](http://mass.gov/dor).

# Managing stress is important to heart health

SPRINGFIELD – Americans are stressed today more than ever before and it’s affecting their heart health.

According to the American Institute of Stress, 77% of people experience stress that affects their physical health, while the Global Organization for Stress reports that 75% of Americans experienced moderate to high stress levels in the past month. Chronic stress can affect the immune, digestive, sleep, reproductive and cardiovascular systems..


“Studies have shown how risk factors such as smoking, obesity, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes can lead to cardiovascular disease. While there is a lack of conclusive data, we know there is an association between emotional stress levels and increased rates of heart attacks,” said Dr. Amir Lotfi, associate chief, Division of Cardiology, Baystate Health. He cited a study by Harvard Medical School researchers published in the British health journal Lancet, which attempted to describe how increased activity in the amygdala, a brain region involved in processing intense emotions, has been associated in inflammation in the blood vessels and increase of cardiovascular events. Stress can be the result of many pressures from work, family, school and other daily responsibilities, as well as brought about by losing

a job, the loss of a loved one, divorce or illness, even worry over COVID-19.

“We also know that stress can cause chest pain that isn’t necessarily associated with having a heart attack. Anxiety can increase the body’s stress hormones, cause hyperventilation and an increased risk of muscle spasms. This can lead to similar symptoms as a heart attack and it can be difficult to distinguish chest pain due to impaired blood flow to the blood vessels of the heart compared to chest pain due to anxiety or other causes. The important thing to remember is that ‘time is muscle,’ and if you have chest pain which is new or has not been evaluated previously, you should get checked immediately,” he said.

According to the National


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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Charles M. Thompson to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated August 24, 2012 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49607, Page 75 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded on April 23, 2020, in Book No. 62262, at Page 159

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 PM on April 23, 2021**, on the mortgaged premises located at 199 School Street N, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the county of WORCESTER, State of MA and is described as follows: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWN OF BARRE, WORCESTER COUNTY SOUTHERN DISTRICT, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 18470, PAGE 285, ID# 000E-0166, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS A METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 199 SCHOOL STREET NORTH, BARRE, MA Tax/Parcel ID: 000E-0166

For a more accurate description of the property see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds at book 9113, page 174.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18470, Page 285.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said

mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**  
NEWREZ LLC, F/K/A NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC, D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California St.  
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19655

03/25, 04/01, 04/08/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No.  
WO21P0865EA  
Estate of:  
Robert S Hahn  
Date of Death: 01/05/2021  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **John A Roberts** of Woodbridge, VA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **John A Roberts** of Woodbridge, VA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/13/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 16, 2021  
**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate

03/25/2021

**NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING REGARDING ADULT-USE**

### MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT Type: Dispensing Facility

**Location: Main St., Rutland, MA (Assessors Map/Parcel ID: A portion of M59A Block B Parcel 7, M59A Block B Parcel 5, and M59A Block B Parcel 6).**

Notice is hereby given that High Hawk Farm, llc of 140 Worcester Rd., Barre, MA 01005 will conduct a Virtual Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana

Establishment scheduled for April 12, 2021 at 6 p.m. via zoom. **Zoom link:** https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89836068133?pwd=QUxvdVhIV3R5ZlU2eXFILlZlV01Zd09 The proposed Adult Use Marijuana Establishment dispensing facility is anticipated to be located on Main Street Rutland, MA Assessors Map/Parcel ID: A portion of M59A Block B Parcel 7, M59A Block B Parcel 5, and M59A Block B Parcel 6, pursuant to the MGL Ch 94G and Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, other applicable laws and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

Information presented at the community outreach hearing will include, but not be limited to:

1. The type of Adult-Use Marijuana Establishment to be located at the proposed address;
2. Information adequate to demonstrate that the Adult-Use Marijuana Establishment location will be maintained securely;
3. Steps to be taken by the Adult-Use Marijuana Establishment to prevent diversion to minors;
4. A plan by the Adult-Use Marijuana Establishment to positively impact the community;
5. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location will not constitute a nuisance as defined by law; and
6. Community members will be permitted and are encouraged to ask questions and receive answers from representatives of High Hawk Farm, llc.

A copy of this notice is on file with the Town Clerk, at the Board of Selectmen's office and the Planning Board office, all located at the Community Hall, Main St., Rutland, MA and a copy of this Notice was mailed at least fourteen calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting to the abutters of the proposed address of the Marijuana Establishment, owners of the land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within three hundred feet of the property line of the petitioner as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of such owner is located in another City or Town.

High Hawk Farm, LLC  
Christopher Higgins  
Vice President  
03/25, 04/01/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Superior Court  
Department of the Trial Court  
Worcester, SS.  
Civil Action No. 2185CV264 C  
CASE NAME: Athol Savings Bank vs. David L. Pascale and Heather Lee Pascale**

TO: David L. Pascale and Heather Lee Pascale, all in said Commonwealth;

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §501 et seq.:

Athol Savings Bank claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ma, known and numbered as 842 Wauwinet Road, Barre, Ma

given by David L. Pascale and Heather Lee Pascale to Athol Savings Bank,

dated: 6/18/2003, and recorded in the Worcester County District Registry of Deeds, in Book 30484, Page 180 has/have filed with this court a Complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemember status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in **active** military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property **on that basis**, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Worcester Superior Court on or before **04/26/2021** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, at Worcester, Massachusetts, this, 15th day of March, 2021.

Dennis P. McManus  
Clerk of Courts  
03/25/2021

### NEW BRAINTREE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 11, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on **Monday, April 5, at 7:00 pm** by videoconference, accessible at: **https://zoom.us/j/94300716877?pwd=OGMyYUhLMk1RUkxwOUxvZTRBeVpZz09** or by phone at: (929) 436-2866

**Meeting ID: 943 0071 6877**  
**Passcode: 143842**  
03/18, 03/25/2021

### TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with MGL, Chapter 87, Section 3, a public hearing will be held at **12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021**, in the Select Board's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on 20 Memorial Drive to consider the removal of trees on Hardwick Road - from Thompson Rd. intersection to Ravine Rd. intersection. The trees to be removed have been clearly marked. All interested parties are invited to attend.

This meeting is open to the public.

Richard T. Ayer  
Tree Warden  
03/25, 04/01/2021

# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, March 14**  
5:16 p.m. Falls South Barre Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Monday, March 15**  
9:28 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems School Street North – Transported to Hospital  
9:53 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope North Brookfield Road – No Fire Service Necessary  
1:53 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues Town Farm Road – Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Malcolm N. Zimage, 21, Worcester  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
4:43 p.m. Assist Other Police Department West Street – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Simeon B. Cerezo, 20, Barre

Out of Town Booking – Worcester Police Department  
8:54 p.m. Threats Washburn Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Tuesday, March 16**  
8:26 a.m. Threats Washburn Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
8:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Citation Issued  
8:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Written Warning  
9:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Oakham Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Matthew D. Hey, 29, Barre  
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation; Speeding Rate of Speed Greater Than was Reasonable and Proper c90 §17

**Wednesday, March 17**  
9:31 a.m. Sick/Unknown Gauthier

Road – Transported to Hospital  
10:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Summer Street – Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, March 18**  
8:42 a.m. Fire Alarm Activation South Street – Investigated  
9:53 a.m. Breathing Difficulty Ruggles Lane – Transported to Hospital  
12:58 p.m. Fire, Electrical Emergency Worcester Road – Investigated

**Friday, March 19**  
8:36 p.m. Seizures Root Road – Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, March 20**  
7:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Valley Road – Citation Issued

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, March 14**  
9:22 p.m. Intoxicated Person Old Turnpike Road – Investigated

**Monday, March 15**  
10:08 a.m. Fire, Smoke Investigation Scott Road – Investigated  
10:49 a.m. Animal Bite New Braintree Road – Officer Advised

**Tuesday, March 16**  
11:45 a.m. Vandalism Bechan Road – Services Rendered

**Wednesday, March 17**  
7:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Road – Written Warning

**Thursday, March 18**  
5:14 p.m. Falls Flint Road –

Ambulance Signed Refusal  
10:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Brookfield Road – Citation Issued

**Friday, March 19**  
7:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Rutland Road – Citation Issued

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, March 14**  
4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Raul Salomon, 25, Bridgeport, CT  
Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Speeding  
4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued

**Monday, March 15**  
3:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Worcester Road – Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Geoffrey Yaglou, 58, Barre  
Leave Scene of Property Damage; Marked Lanes Violation

**Tuesday, March 16**  
3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Adam M. Frye, 37, Groton  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle

**Wednesday, March 17**  
8:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Williamsville Road – Vehicle Towed

**Thursday, March 18**  
5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Taylor M. Gamble, 21, Rutland  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

**Friday, March 19**  
4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Taylor Santos, 24, Brighton  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With  
8:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Written Warning  
10:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Templeton Road – Citation Issued

**Saturday, March 20**  
8:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Written Warning  
9:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Burnshirt Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Angel Laguer, 37, New Bedford  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding  
10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Burnshirt Road – Written Warning  
3:40 p.m. Trespasser Pitcherville Road – Report Filed  
4:10 p.m. Trespasser Pitcherville Road – Report Filed  
5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Templeton Road – Citation Issued  
5:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued  
Summons: Michel V. Hernandez, 24, Gardner  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, March 14**  
1:02 p.m. Vandalism Naquag Street – Information Given

**Monday, March 15**  
1:28 a.m. Breaking and Entering in Progress, Residential Valley View Circle – Officer Spoke to Party  
10:39 a.m. Vandalism Naquag Street – Report Filed  
11:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Juliano Silva-Dagloria, 33, Stoughton  
Marked Lanes Violation; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued  
4:42 p.m. Illegal Dumping Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party  
6:29 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls Birchwood Road – Report Filed

**Tuesday, March 16**  
11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Citation Issued  
5:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Citation Issued  
6:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning

**Wednesday, March 17**  
10:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Robert P. Wilson, 58, Worcester

Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning  
1:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
2:17 p.m. Sick/Unknown Main Street – Transported to Hospital  
3:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning  
3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Written Warning  
10:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Written Warning  
6:01 p.m. Breathing Difficulty Highland Park Road – Referred to Other Agency

Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
3:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Forest Hill Drive – Written Warning  
4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning  
5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Written Warning  
6:01 p.m. Breathing Difficulty Highland Park Road – Referred to Other Agency

**Thursday, March 18**  
10:33 a.m. Stroke (CVA) Mark Circle – Transported to Hospital  
12:09 p.m. Threats Marjorie Lane – Officer Advised  
3:37 p.m. Migraine Central Tree Road – Transported to Hospital  
5:14 p.m. Falls Flint Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
7:48 p.m. Vandalism Maple Avenue

– Report Filed  
**Friday, March 19**  
3:36 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Bigelow Road – Investigated  
3:40 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Prospect Street – Investigated  
4 p.m. Threats Barre Paxton Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
7:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Main Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Saturday, March 20**  
10:17 a.m. Missing Person Maple Avenue – Report Filed  
3 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning  
5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Evan M. Mondor, 28, Rutland  
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With  
8 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
8:31 p.m. Noise, Fireworks River Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Sunday, March 21**  
12:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Cristian J. Collazo, 25, Southbridge  
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Inspection/Sticker, No; License Not in Possession

## STRESS continued from page 9

Institute of Mental Health, if you take practical steps to manage your stress, you may reduce the

risk of negative health effects. Among the tips offered to cope with stress are: Get regular exercise - Just 30 minutes per day of walking can help boost your mood and improve your health.

Try a relaxing activity - Explore relaxation or wellness programs, which may incorporate meditation, muscle relaxation, or breathing exercises. Schedule regular times for these and other healthy and relaxing activities. Set goals and priorities - Decide what

must get done now and what can wait. Learn to say “no” to new tasks if you start to feel like you’re taking on too much. Try to be mindful of what you have accomplished at the end of the day, not what you have been unable to do. Stay connected - You are not alone. Keep in touch with people who can provide emotional support and practical help. To reduce stress, ask for help from friends, family and community of religious organizations. “Don’t let stress overtake you. If you are feeling overwhelmed, talk to your health care provider who can discuss treatments that can help ease your stress and help to keep you out of the cardiologist’s office,” said Dr. Lotfi. To learn more about Baystate Medical Center’s life-saving cardiac capabilities, people may visit baystatehealth.org/heart.

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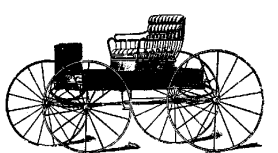
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CLINTON – The Bigelow Free Public Library continues to offer virtual programming. The library will offer Wednesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. “Finding Easy Walks Wherever You Are with Marjorie Turner Hollman” via Zoom presentation. Hollman is the author of the “Easy Walks in Massachusetts” trail guide series, as well as “Finding Easy Walks Wherever You Are.” In tonight’s presentation, she will be talking about the local places to go to experience the joys for taking an easy walk in nature, as well as offering lots of suggestions, experiences and ideas, which can help them have a more positive experience in the outdoors. This presentation is especially appropriate for

elders, those with disabilities and families with young children, who hope to use strollers while sharing the outdoors with their little ones. People may register at <http://bigelowlibrary.org/calendar/to> receive the Zoom meeting invitation. The library will offer Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. “Armchair Travels with Steve Farrar- Exploring the Colorado Plateau National Parks via Zoom Presentation. This is a tree-part series. In this presentation people will be exploring the fantastic natural wonders of the Colorado Plateau Parks system which includes, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Capital Reef, Arches, Canyonlands, Mesa Verde, Petrified Forest and the Grand Canyon. This is a chance to explore the sites and

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